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In re Application of:

HIROTO ISODA

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Examiner: N. K. Walford

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For: LIGHT EMITTING DEVICE

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

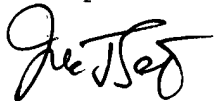
Applicant believes that several points made in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance contained inaccuracies.

The Statement points out that alternating conductive and insulating members of Hochstein are parallel to the optical axis. However, in the device of Hochstein, the members do not make up one base member that is defined in Claim 1 of the present application. Thus, the members of Hochstein are different from the members of the claimed invention both in configuration and effect, and therefore, Applicant submits that it is not appropriate to describe the members of the invention and those of Hochstein equally in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

In addition, although adhesive 58, metallic base 36a, base 26 and conductive plate 56 of Hochstein may be stacked in the thickness direction, an adhesive (insulating) layer 58

surrounds side as well as bottom surfaces of circuit board 26,
and therefore Applicant submits that this configuration cannot
be described as "parallel to the optical axis."

Respectfully submitted,



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